

REMARKS

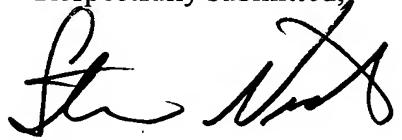
This is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement in the non-final Official Action mailed on **April 7, 2003** (Paper No. 4). Examination of the claims elected below is now respectfully requested.

In the Official Action of April 7, 2003, the Examiner made a Restriction Requirement. Applicant is required to select one group of claims for examination at this time. The Restriction is made between Group I: apparatus claims 1-24 and Group II: method claims 25-29.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, apparatus claims 1-24 for current examination on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, favorable examination of the application is now requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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